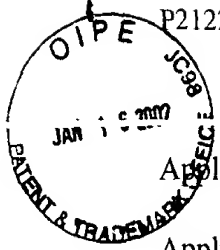


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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97, and §1.98

Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 5,050,979 to SHINOHARA, which issued on September 24, 1991;

U.S. Patent No. 5,050,980 to SHINOHARA, which issued on September 24, 1991;

U.S. Patent No. 5,353,072 to TEJIMA et al., which issued on October 4, 1994;

U.S. Patent No. 5,550,600 to UENO, which issued on August 27, 1996; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,610,670 to UENO, which issued on March 11, 1997.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a

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Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/977,233 to SHIRAYANAGI, entitled "Aspherical Spectacle Lens and Processing Method Thereof", which was filed on October 16, 2001; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/977,705 to OBARA, entitled "Astigmatic-Power Spectacle Lens", which was filed on October 16, 2001.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is requested to review the file wrappers of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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